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Rono Hills, Doimukh - 791112, Arunachal Pradesh

ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMEMORATING THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAHATMA

On

CONTEXTUALIZING GANDHI IN THE PARADIGMS OF LITERATURE, CULTURE & SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Jointly Organized by

**Departments of
English & Social Work**



*"Our greatest ability as humans is not to
change the world; but to change ourselves."*

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Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of Nation, was born on October 2, 1869, in Porbandar, Gujarat. The year 2021 will mark 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Acknowledging his contributions in peace building at global level, United Nations have designated his birth anniversary (October 2) as the International Day of Non-Violence. This date is an occasion for reflecting on the different stages of his life and unique philosophy of bringing about change through non-violence, as well as his contributions towards global peace. The citizens of India pay tribute to Gandhi Ji for his supreme sacrifice towards nation building. Celebrations on the day include prayer meetings and commemorative ceremonies in different institutions including educational, government and socio-political institutions. Today Mahatma Gandhi is celebrated as a global personality and as an icon of peace, non-violence and humanity.

11 & 12 October (Monday & Tuesday), 2021
(online mode)

PAPER PRESENTATION AWARDS

REGISTRATION LINK:



<https://tinyurl.com/ynjykw7f> (click or copy)

(mandatory for paper presenters and /or participation certificates)



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A Note on the theme of the Annual International Conference, 2021

The grandeur of his personality has always been a source of guidance and inspiration. This Annual International Conference on Contextualising Gandhi in the paradigms of Literature, Culture and Social Transformation would enable the participants to re-think, assimilate, manifest and critically interrogate Gandhian philosophy. The conference would also configure the vision and ideals of Mahatma Gandhi to re-construct them in our cultural and social behaviours. This understanding of Mahatma, is not just instrumental in realizing the goals of development but more importantly intrinsic in enjoying the same with a content approach in a sustainable manner. His ideals of truth as being 'non-hypocritical', non-violence as 'avoiding mental levels of violence too and not just physical violence' and satyagraha as 'passive resistance with love and compassion' are easy to read and write but difficult to understand and implement in their full gravity.

Entire humanity is today gripped with an unprecedented pandemic COVID-19, stalking all over the globe, and also exasperated by a threat of violence in the wake of rising global tensions and conflicts. In a scenario like this, countries are trying to seek succor and strength and also long term solutions for their people. This Annual International Conference jointly organised by the Departments of English and Social Work envisions to provide a platform for the youth and intelligentsia to revisit the philosophy and practice models of Mahatma and contextualize the same for an ever evolving and dynamic social order with and aim to make this world a better place for our future generations. This being the backdrop, it is quite appropriate to highlight the significance of Mahatma Gandhi in pursuit of the larger vision of a Sustainable future and Self-Reliant society, as he always recognised the importance of moral plurality and dedicated his life to the cause of *antyyodaya* (well being of last in the ladder), non-violence, truth, swadeshi, character education and an empathetic approach.

Objectives of the Programme

The proposed annual conference commemorating Mahatma intends to sensitize the different stakeholders of the society on Gandhian principles. The specific objectives include:

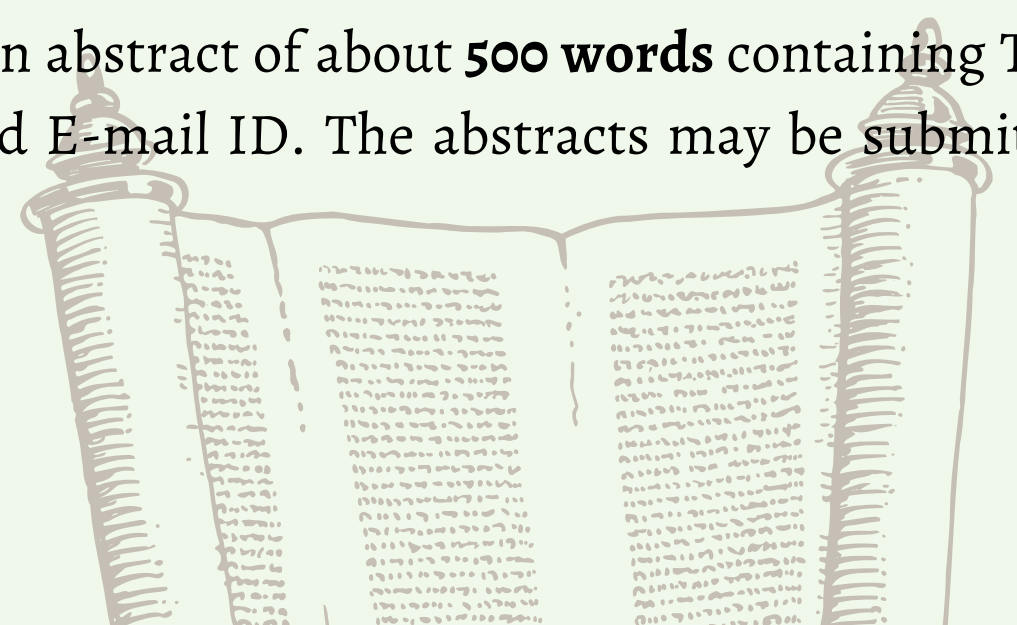
- To contextualize contemporary relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in the literary writings.
- To discuss Gandhian ideals in literary & cultural paradigms.
- To examine the depiction of Gandhian ideas & ideals in Contemporary Mass Media.
- To assess the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in the dynamics of global power politics.
- To highlight the social-economic and political vision of Mahatma Gandhi and invoke an informed brainstorming among the younger generations for their prospects in contemporary social order.
- To reimagine Mahatma Gandhi and relevance of his practice models in the socio-economic empowerment of last in the social order and betterment of developing societies.
- To develop a platform for emphasizing descriptive and prescriptive implications of Gandhian ideas and ideals in academic curricula and social well-being.

Registration Process

The programme will be organised in an online mode to accommodate optimum participation. The intended target audience includes every person who is directly or indirectly concerned about Gandhian principles. The annual International conference aims to directly benefit students, research scholars, academicians, social scientists, literati and other socially conscious people. There will be **no registration fee for the participants**. However, a nominal registration fee will be charged from paper presenters which will be of Rupees 100/- for students, Rs. 200/- for Research Scholars and Rs. 500/- from Academicians and other Professionals. Bank account details for making payments will be provided to the participants via Email on acceptance of their abstract(s) for paper presentations. Only selected papers for presentations will be required to pay the registration fee and the author(s) of the same will be intimated with the bank account details for online payment of paper presentation fee.

Call for Papers

Participants intending paper presentation and contest for awards need to submit an abstract of about **500 words** containing Title of the paper, Key-words, Author(s) name(s) with Affiliation(s), Mobile number and E-mail ID. The abstracts may be submitted through E-mail: engconf@rgu.ac.in



The main theme of annual International Conference Contextualizing Gandhi in the Paradigms of Literature, Culture and Social Transformation which aims to re-ignite discourse upon Gandhian Ideas and Ideals cutting across subject domains. Apart from its main theme the International Conference will cover following Sub-themes:

- 1) Gandhi as a Socio-Literary thinker.
- 2) Identity Politics and Parochialism.
- 3) Gandhian principles and ethics in Media.
- 4) Delinquency, Crime and Criminal Justice.
- 5) Portrayal of Gandhi in Children's literature.
- 6) Representation of Gandhi in subaltern literature.
- 7) Democratic Decentralization and Panchayati Raj.
- 8) Truth, Non-Violence, and Religion as a way of Life.
- 9) Liberalization, Privatization & Globalization [LPG].
- 10) Adaptation of Gandhi and his ideals in Indian Cinema.
- 11) The Metaphysics and Epistemology of Gandhian thoughts.
- 12) Social, Economic, Political and Environmental Justice.
- 13) Social Fabric, Multiculturalism and Indigenous Issues.
- 14) Drug dependence, Depression and Suicides among Youth.
- 15) Social Networking and other contemporary dependencies.
- 16) Gandhian Concept of Character Education and Rural Reconstruction.
- 17) Economic Principles of Mahatma: Trusteeship and Corporate Social Responsibility.
- 18) Any other issue related to contemporary Social and/ or Literary Concerns.

Important Dates & Deadlines

- Registration Period : 25 September (Saturday) to 10 October (Sunday), 2021
- Last Date of Abstract Submission : 05 October (Tuesday), 2021
- Acceptance Intimation : 06 October (Wednesday), 2021
- Last Date for Submission of Full Papers : 09 October (Saturday), 2021
- Annual International Conference & Paper Presentations : 11-12 October (Monday-Tuesday), 2021

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AUTHORS, PAPER PRESENTERS AND OTHER DELEGATES

- Every candidate interested in attending the Annual International Conference has to ensure his or her registration as per dates specified. Paper Presentation Fee for selected abstracts/ paper is Rupees 100/- for students, Rs. 200/- for Research Scholars and Rs. 500/- for Academicians and other professionals.
- Interested candidates across all the disciplines and professions would be allowed to participate and compete for awards.
- Every paper presenter will have to submit full paper to be shortlisted for the award. Selected papers will also be published in an edited Volume.
- Every paper presenter will have to submit paper in both the MS Word and PDF formats drafted in Times New Roman, 12 font size with space of 1.5 and MLA/ APA reference style {word limit: 4000-8000 words}.
- Every candidate would be provided 10 minutes for paper presentation and 5 minutes for discussion.

PAPER PRESENTATION AWARDS

This Annual International Conference also envisions to recognize the conscious efforts and contributions of the participants. The AWARDS have been designed to induce positive reinforcement on the part of participants for an active and effective participation to the programme and thereby ensure quality of brainstorming and churning on Gandhian Ideas, Ideals and Practice Models. Full papers will be considered for AWARD categories on the basis of their Contents and Presentations Skills.



| Sl. No. | Title of Award | No. of Awardees |
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| 1 | Gandhian Literary Award | Two (02) |
| 2 | Young Gandhian Thinker Award (Exclusively for Scholars & Students) | Two (02) |
| 3 | Gandhian Practice Model Award | Two (02) |
| Total number of Awards | | Six (06) |

About Arunachal Pradesh

Arunachal Pradesh, known as the 'The Land of the Dawn-lit Mountains', is also called the Orchid state of India. It is a state of mountainous terrains, valleys and highland plateaus reaching about the height of 23,280 feet from the sea level. It is in the extreme north-eastern part of the Country and shares borders with certain Indian states and the Kingdom of Bhutan in the West, Tibet Autonomous Region of China to the North, Myanmar (Burma) to the East. During the British colonial era it was known as the Northeast Frontier Agency (NEFA). The state enjoys a subtropical and humid climate receiving one of the highest rainfalls and is filled with evergreen rainforests. Distinct ethnic groups officially designated as Scheduled Tribes have different social structures and speak more than fifty (50) different languages along with the Indo-Aryan languages like Assamese, Hindi and English. People generally practice indigenous faiths and Hinduism, Buddhism and Christianity with different cultural practices.

About the University

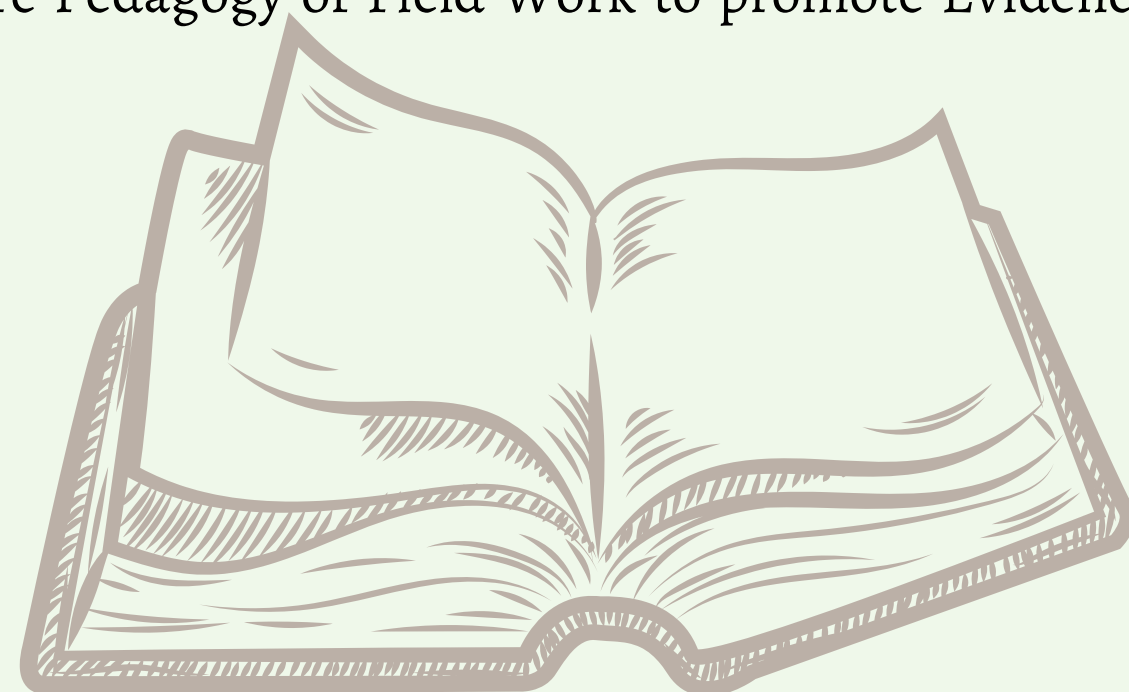
Rajiv Gandhi University (formerly Arunachal University) is the premier institution for higher education in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, India. Since its establishment on 4th February 1984 in the posh campus on the top of Rono Hills at Doimukh, it has been striving to achieve excellence in the field of education. Its Centre for Biodiversity has got the distinction of having the potential for excellence. The University offers Undergraduate, Postgraduate, M.Phil. and Ph.D programmes with different professional courses for training and certificate programmes. The University is located 25 km away from the state capital city Itanagar on the top of Rono Hills, a picturesque tableland of 302 acres.

Department of English

The Department of English was established in July, 1990 and ever since its establishment the Department offers three academic courses Master of Arts(M. A.), Master of Philosophy(M. Phil),and Doctor of Philosophy(Ph. D) in British Literature, World literatures in Translation, ELT and Literary Criticism. The Department also contributes towards the development of language skills by offering a Certificate Course in Communicative English (CCCE). The principal goal of the Department is to impart knowledge and skills in language and literature and bring awareness among the students regarding the employment opportunities in Government as well as in Private sectors.

Department of Social Work

The Department of Social Work (DSW) at Rajiv Gandhi University was established in 2015. It is the first full-fledged Department of Social Work offering face-to-face Master of Arts in Social Work (MASW) Programme in Arunachal Pradesh. The impetus of social work education in the University is to capacitate the students so that they make an impact in the lives of the people especially the underprivileged and disempowered communities. The Department offers three academic programmes as on date namely, Master of Arts in Social Work (MASW), Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work (PhDSW) and Certificate Programme in Environmental Sanitation (CPES). Guided by the core values of Professional Social Work especially those of Empathy, Equity and Integrity, the Department of Social Work builds its strength on Social Capital and its Signature Pedagogy of Field Work to promote Evidence based Practice and Practice based Evidence.



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